

SENATE RESOLUTION 101
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Michelle Newman on being honored as Lincoln Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman has recently been selected as the Lincoln Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman has served with acumen and alacrity as a fifth grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary for thirteen years; she has an educational specialist degree with a certification in educational administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University, a master's degree from University of Tennessee, and a bachelor's degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman's continuing education includes Classroom Performance System, Building Background Knowledge for Academic Achievements, Make It Real, and Teaching Reading in Social Studies book studies; and

WHEREAS, she has also received professional training in Harry Wong Classroom Management, Vocabulary Strategies, Perspectives in Reading, Rebecca Sitton Spelling, Flexible Grouping, Small Group Instruction, Learning Focused Schools, and 4-Books;

WHEREAS, a member of the School Advisory Leadership Team and chair of the Grades 3-5 Lesson Plan Format Revision, Ms. Newman has also served capably as Junior Beta Club co-sponsor, fifth grade Sitton Spelling trainer, and student teacher supervisor for Carson-Newman College and Tusculum College; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her stellar service to the children of Lincoln Elementary School as an educator, Ms. Newman believes she cannot be a successful teacher if she is not a successful parent and visible role model for the children in the community; she chooses to create a positive environment by participating in service-oriented activities in the community; and

WHEREAS, a four-time HC*EXCELL grant recipient, Michelle Newman is a member of various local and state associations, including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Beta Phi, Kappa Delta Pi, Tennessee Reading Association, and Lakeway Reading Council; she currently serves as Vice President of East Tennessee State University's Students in Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman is deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Newman truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Newman truly epitomizes the paragon of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Michelle Newman on being chosen as the Lincoln Elementary School Teacher of the Year,

commend her exceptional service to the children of Hamblen County, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.